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**EPA PROPOSES  
TO FIND  
MISSOURI PLAN  
INADEQUATE  
TO ATTAIN AIR  
STANDARD  
FOR LEAD IN  
HERCULANEUM**

EPA Region 7 is inviting the public to comment on a proposal to find that the Missouri State Implementation Plan is substantially inadequate to attain or maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for lead in Herculaneum, Mo.

Herculaneum was designated nonattainment for lead in 1991 under authorities provided by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Doe Run-Herculaneum has violated the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for lead in three consecutive calendar quarters of 2005.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources will be required to revise its State Implementation Plan to correct these deficiencies if EPA finalizes the proposal to find Missouri's lead plan inadequate.

A Federal Register notice is being published today and begins a 30-day public comment period ending Jan. 18, 2006. EPA will make a decision on its proposed finding after considering all public comments.

Please see the related [fact sheet](#) for additional information.

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